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29 November 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Planning Assistant to the DD/S

SUBJECT : Duties of Agency Flight Surgeon

1. As requested, the following is submitted concerning the duties of the Agency Flight Surgeon, [redacted]

2. No position and no official position description are presently available for this officer. He is carried on our Development Complement and we have, as you are aware, formally requested additional funds to pay his salary for the current fiscal year. This action is essentially an interim measure pending provision of an appropriate slot (and funds) for the Flight Surgeon, as recommended in our recent IG Survey. Such action would of course be more a proper and definitive resolution of this matter.

3. For over a year [redacted] has been engaged full-time in the development of this new concept for an Agency Flight Surgeon. The idea for this position grew out of the recognition of the need for specialized medical support to the various air activities of the Agency [redacted] is a USAF trained Flight Surgeon).

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4. It was agreed that his initial efforts would be directed toward the development of Flight Surgeon support for the [redacted] Such support had previously been provided by detailed USAF or contract personnel. This has been a somewhat lengthy but successful venture. Attachment reflects the recent formalization of the results of his efforts.

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5. As the development of this air medical support for [redacted] proceeded satisfactorily, [redacted] efforts were expended to the development of analogous support for the [redacted] As with [redacted] this involved numerous meetings, liaisons and TDY's [redacted] is, for example, responsible for professional medical support for [redacted] Project [redacted]. This support is developing well and a document analogous to the attached [redacted] document will be forthcoming.

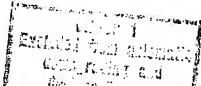
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6. [redacted] most recent efforts have been directed to Project [redacted] and more specifically to matters involving the selection of air crews for the activities of this project. Conversations with [redacted] in this area are continuing.

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7. In summary then since August 1967, the efforts of this medical officer have been directed to the development of air medical support for [redacted]. A paragraph from the recent IG Survey Report summarizes this situation as follows:

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"Several Agency components and proprietaries have been carrying out air operations without adequate attention to the physical and mental health of pilots. Recognizing this deficiency the D/MS in early 1968 designated a staff doctor to be what in effect is the Agency flight surgeon. This doctor, who recently completed three tours of duty in the Far East, is familiar with air operations in that area. In his new job he will be responsible for assisting elements of the Agency which are involved in flight operations. He has already worked with the [redacted] and is taking Air Force courses in aerospace medicine. His primary emphasis will be on life-support systems for pilots."

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6. The eventual position description for the Agency Flight Surgeon will probably reflect the following essential functions:

- a. Provide air medical advice and assistance to all Agency air operations.
- b. Coordinate the medical selection procedures (e.g., Clinical Division, Psychiatric Staff, Assessment and Evaluation Staff) for air personnel being considered for Agency affiliation.
- c. Conduct periodic medical inspections of Agency air installations.
- d. Provide or arrange medical training for personnel assigned to Agency air activities.
- e. Represent the Agency in liaison with federal air medical authorities (e.g., FAA, Surgeon General or USAF).
- f. Provide medical input for the research and development of Agency air activities.

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